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## Success at Design Charette Boosts Community Support for Redevelopment of Syphax School Site

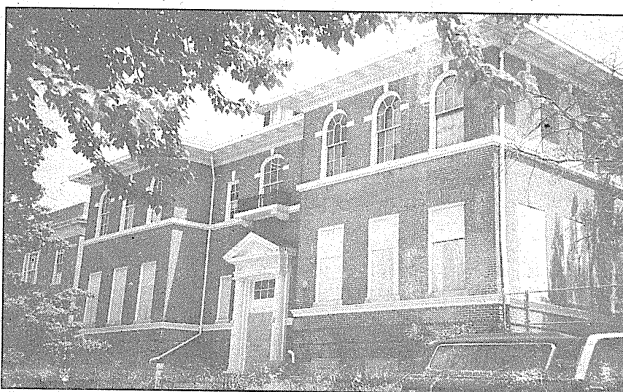
An encouraging display of community support, more than 50 people participated in a SWNA-sponsored community design charette for the redevelopment of Syphax School (located on Half Street, Southwest, between N and "O" Streets) on Saturday, October 27. Held at Carron Baptist Church (1354 T Street, Southwest), the event attracted residents of Southwest D.C., developers, historic preservationists, and representatives from local community centers, ANC-2D, Mayor's Office, Councilmember Jack Evans' Office, the D.C. Board of Education, the Department of Housing & Community Development.

A charette is a work session lead by architects, developers, landscape designers, urban planners to explore various planning and design alternatives with residents who live near the site of a proposed real estate development project. The charette for the development of Syphax was lead by Peter Hetzel, Stephanie Bothwell, Ronnie McGhee, and Robin Andrew Roberts. This team of architects, landscape architects, and urban designers generously donated their time and expertise. The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly strongly appreciates their role in making the charette a success.

### Events Leading to the Charette:

Initiated by the D.C. Board of Education in 1993, Syphax School has stood vacant and become a site for vandalism and crime. By 1995, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly recognized that the D.C. government was doing little to redevelop the site. The Assembly held a community meeting in order to explore the issue, and more than 40 people attended. In response to the consensus of the community meeting, the Assembly's Board passed a resolution in December expressing their desire, "that the Syphax School be redeveloped for affordable homeownership." The anticipated result of this proposed redevelopment was to be stabilized, revitalized neighborhood.

Mayor Marion Barry, the D.C. School Board, and Ward Councilman Jack Evans all expressed their support for the redeveloping Syphax School into affordable home-



The Syphax School.

ownership in March, April, and May of 1996, respectively. However, during the time since the November 1995 resolution, no significant steps had been taken toward development, resulting in the need for increased community mobilization.

Toward the end of June 1996, the suggestion to have a design charette came from Dr. Marc Weiss, Vice President of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, who stated that building community interest and support, and consensus for a workable plan, were absolutely necessary if the Syphax site is ever going to be redeveloped. During the month of July, Dr. Weiss and the Assembly's community development intern Eric Lofgren worked to ensure that the charette would meet these goals. Many other members of the community actively contributed to this effort by volunteering their time to assist with the extensive publicity campaign.

On the morning of the event, Dr. Beryl Rice, President of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, welcomed the charette participants and gave a brief history of the project. This was followed by a spirited group discussion — skillfully facilitated by Ronnie McGhee and Stephanie Bothwell — that gave people the opportunity to express their concerns, ideas, and suggestions.

While charette participants had a variety of ideas for the

potential uses of the site, the majority of those attending agreed that they did not want the following: fast food outlets, commercial activity, or "havens" for drug dealers. A majority of participants supported the following suggestions: homeownership, the preservation and rehabilitation of the original, historic Syphax school building, safety and security, adequate lighting, and an environmental assessment of the barrel storage facility immediately east of the site. The possibility of a community center in the original Syphax building elicited support from some of the participants, but opposition from others, who felt that already existing local community centers should be enhanced.

While a majority of participants supported the preservation of the original Syphax building, there was a minority contingent of people who felt strongly that all existing buildings on the site be

immediately demolished. Most of these people live near the site, and believe that demolishing the buildings will greatly reduce the site's current propensity to attract criminal activity.

Other highlights of the morning included a site tour, "breakout" discussion groups where specific issues were explored in greater depth, and a presentation of drawings that depicted various planning and design alternatives. In late morning, the four designers each presented two drawings that addressed some of the concerns raised by participants, and explored planning alternatives that had not yet been considered.

After a lunch provided by the Assembly's volunteers, the audience reconvened to hear Carol Casperson, Executive Director of D.C. Habitat for Humanity, and other non-profit developers talk about their experience and approach to development. After some discussion, lead by Marc Weiss, the day was brought to a close by another presentation by the professional designers.

This second and final design presentation incorporated audience feedback elicited during the earlier presentation — an impressive feat, given the narrow time constraints in which the designers had to work. Ten of the eleven draw-

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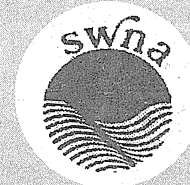
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### SWNA Meeting

The September meeting of SWNA will be on Monday, September 30th at St. Matthew's Church, 3rd & M St. at 7:00 pm. The future of the Syphax site will be discussed.



# Success at Design Charette

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ings that were produced depicted the preservation of the original Syphax School, complemented by various uses of open green space and trees. Most drawings also featured various homeownership configurations that were intended to blend harmoniously with existing townhomes in the surrounding neighborhood. Some drawings featured the construction of new through-streets that run east-west through the site, while others portrayed a north-south street that separates the Syphax site from the commercial space lining South Capitol Street. Some of these went even further by envisioning the South Capitol commercial space — much of which is vacant and dilapidated — as being redeveloped into townhomes.

The end result was that people left the charette feeling positive — they had seen what the possibilities and limitations are in redeveloping Syphax, and also learned how much work remains to be done. They were enthused with the realization that they could become involved and make a

difference by personally contributing to this important community effort.

The next step will be to evaluate each design's economic feasibility by constructing "pro formas" — financial statements that contrast development costs with potential sources of income. This will play an important role in the ongoing process of building community consensus for a workable redevelopment plan. The other primary consideration of obvious importance is to find a developer who is willing to carry out the community's plan as specified.

The Syphax School site redevelopment plans will be featured on the agenda at the next Southwest Neighborhood Assembly meeting on September 30, 1996. In the meantime, community residents can become involved in this community revitalization campaign for Southwest D.C. by joining the Committee for the Redevelopment of Syphax (contact Rev. Dr. Jeanne MacKenzie at (202) 554-8281).

*Look for photographs of event on page 7!*

## Excerpts are printed below from a letter sent to "The Southwester" by a 68 year old 20 year resident of southwest who was recently assaulted and robbed:

Dear Editor,

I was recently assaulted and robbed on Sunday, July 21, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. on 4th Street between N and O Sts. SW. I had to be hospitalized.

It was a beautiful day. I was walking home from 5:15 p.m. Mass, as I often do. When I heard running behind me, it was too late. My pocketbook was grabbed from my shoulder with such force, I was pulled to the hard pavement. The young man ran through River Park. No one was around except a lady parking her car across the street. Her husband called the police.

The police told me that an hour before, a woman was robbed at 4th & M. I found out she was with her husband waiting to cross the street for Safeway shopping. (She is 76 years old.) She is grateful not to be hurt but lost cash and cards. (Another lady was robbed at gunpoint at 6th in front of Marina Complex.) Tuesday, a lady was robbed on 4th Street on her way home from work.

According to Thursday Crime Page, this is nothing new for 4th Street SW but it seems to be more blatant since it

occurs during the day when retirees are on the street. We are being deprived of going 2 blocks to the store or along the waterfront. We certainly don't go out after dark.

I am appealing to you to write an article to alert our SW citizens to do something to get our streets back from the young thugs by letters, calls, petitions to get police protection for 4th Street and neighborhood. Both sides of N Street catch it and River Park Parking Lot, Riverside, etc. SW organizations should write for the Common Cause. (SW Neighborhood Assembly, etc.) They could start by calling Councilman Jack Evans, the Mayor, and Police Department. The Southwester joins in this writer's plea for help and will assist to the extent possible in efforts to make the streets safe for the people.

Phone Numbers to Call: Jack Evans, (202) 724-8058, Mayor Marion Barry, (202) 727-2980, Policy Department Community Affairs Division, (202) 727-4383

## All about Eric Lofgren ...Author of Our Lead Article

Eric is an MBA student from McGill University, who answered the request for a summer internship in D.C. with the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. The organization which brought SWNA and our intern together is "Students for Responsible Business", a non-profit which operates across North America.

SWNA is grateful to that organization and Eric for his commitment and excellent work in planning and organizing the Design Charette. A special "thank you" to Dr. Marc Weiss who supervised him. Eric gained insights into possibilities of a career in community development and SWNA achieved its goal of furthering community involvement on an issue of such concern.

## Note to the Record on the Government's Position Regarding the Syphax School Site

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will be issuing a Request for Expressions of Interest (REI) to developers regarding four former school sites in September. Syphax is one of the four schools. If there is more than one REI received, a request for proposals (RFP) will be issued.

## THE SOUTHWESTER

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### The objective of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, a.k.a. SWNA is:

*to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Southwest; to open to every Southwest resident the wide cultural horizon of modern urban living; to help create a rich and equal social, educational and economic opportunities for every boy and girl of the Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for gainful employment for every adult resident; to promote development of the aesthetic potential of the Southwest. These objectives shall be pursued without regard to the social, economic and racial barriers that have divided cities in the past.*

## SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(September — October 1996)

**Sept 28 Saturday:** National Walk-a-thon for Health and Hunger, 12 noon-2 p.m.U.S. Capitol at 3rd St.

**Sept 30 Monday:** NARFE Chapter 2052, 1:30 p.m. Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street, S.W.

**Sept 30 Monday:** Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Meeting, 222 M Street S.W.

**Oct 1 Tuesday:** Presentation on Oral Histories of River 7:30 p.m. St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 222 M Street S.W.

**Oct 7 Monday:** Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Southeastern University, 501 I Street S.W.

**Oct 11 Friday:** First District CAC Awards Dinner 6 p.m. Bolling Air Force Base Officers Club (For tickets, call Lt Peters at 727-4643)

**Oct 14 Monday:** Southeastern University Community Health Fair 3-7 p.m., 501 I Street S.W.

**Oct 16 Wednesday:** AARP Chapter 4751, S.W. Waterfront Chapter, Noon St Matthews Lutheran Church, 222 M Street S.W.

**Oct 21 Monday:** Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, 7:30 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4th & I Streets S.W.

**Oct 24 Thursday:** NARFE Chapter 2052, 1:30 p.m. Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street S.W.

**Oct 28 Monday:** Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Meeting, 7 p.m. St. Matthews Lutheran Church 222 M Street S.W. (Please submit calendar items to C.W. Hargrave, 554-8284.)

## Get Active in Your Community

Our Southwest area has a number of organizations available to those interested in supporting and participating in community organization activities. Some of these organizations are: — the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly itself — through its Youth Activities Task Force, Y.A.T.F.; Scholarship Committee and this Southwester newspaper committee; tl Southwest Community House, the Southwest Chapter of tl American Association of Retired Persons (AARP); tl Southwest Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE); the local schools, Amidon at Anthony Bowen Elementary and Jefferson Junior High at the S.W. Branch Library.

### Following are some telephone numbers to help you get involved.

SWNA — 554-4235 (Dr. Beryl Rice)  
YATF — 488-7622 (Dale MacIver)  
Scholarship Committee — 488-8257 (Barbara Murray)  
the Southwester Newspaper— 488-3355 (Carole Early)  
AARP — 479-0571 (Mary Ann Bailer)  
NARFE — 554-3991 (Paul Pumpian)  
Amidon — 724-4867  
Bowen — 724-4871  
Jefferson J.H.S. — 724-4881  
Library — 727-1381

## Charlene Drew Jarvis appointed



Charlene Drew Jarvis, Ward 4 D.C. Councilmember, was recently appointed as president of Southeastern University, 501 I St. (6th and I St.s).

Dr. Jarvis, says that the two jobs "work together in tandem, I look at my Presidency as helping me address and cure some of the

problems of a city that I have a responsibility for as a council member. The Community welcomes you to the ea. And now for a few questions:

### 1. What are your short term goals for Southeastern (SEU)?

I would like to raise the level of awareness of SEU's essence. It is a unique educational institution which serves

working people by providing evening and weekend classes with a focus on business.

### 2. What are your long-term goals for SEU?

Over the long-term, I would like to build SEU's daytime enrollment. I want the university to be seen by Federal agencies as a place for the education of employees. This would include (but certainly not be limited to) The State Department, The Department of Health and Human Services, International Trade & Finance — the classes would be classes taught by SEU professors. They would include classes such as business, management, tax, computers.

Furthermore, I would like our students to be more involved with the important questions which are facing local government. Issues such as municipal finance, personnel and procurement, what would provide important revenues for the D.C. government and on the community level, the Wiley Branton Community Development Corp. might be of interest. In addition, I am very interested in how other cities successfully attract business & retain it. This might be a question for SEU faculty and students.

### 3. What do you think SEU can do for the community?

It will always be a good neighbor. When asked by Jefferson J.H.S. to be an alternative site for Jefferson students, I was delighted to say "yes." I would like for the SW Community to know what SEU offers and I would like to have an open house. SEU would like to co-sponsor community events. I would like to provide student tutors to students in surrounding schools.

### 4. What can the community do for SEU?

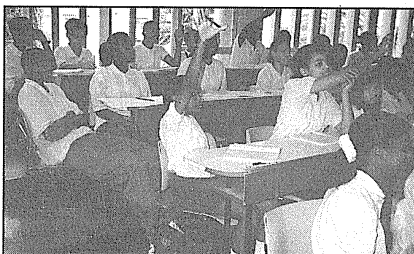
They can make SEU a part of their events — include SEU as a neighbor. Make sure that we understand the priority of the community with respect to Zoning and planning. I would love members of the community to enroll in this university. I would like to see SEU solely deal with D.C.-based businesses. My photo was by a local S.W. photographer.

### 5. Who will be the university's contact person with the SW Community?

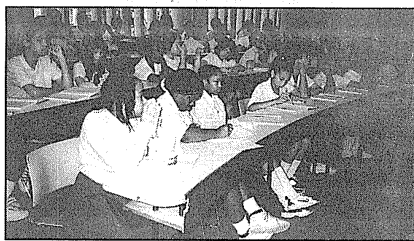
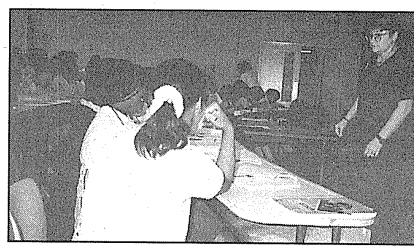
The Director of Public Relations will be Margo Pinson, 488-8162.

## Jefferson Junior High School at Southeastern

On the first day of school students of Jefferson Jr. High found themselves in the hallways of Southeastern University. No they weren't attending college, they were there because their school building was closed because of a code violation. The college welcomed the students and used classes for three days averting a late start for Jefferson students. The Jr. High school re-opened on Friday, September 6. Along with five other D.C. Public schools, Jefferson had been kept from opening on time by a controversial decision by D.C. Superior Court Judge Mye K. Christian. According to Sherre Washington, coordinator of Community Services for Jefferson, the necessary repairs had been made before the first day of classes, but the school awaited final approval from Christian. Washington further stated that the inconvenience rallied students and faculty to draw together in their efforts to suc-



cessfully begin the new year. When students were interviewed they agreed that the inconvenience has helped them become more of a team. They were at Southeastern until Thursday afternoon. At that time, they were given permission to return to their school building. For right now, their college days were over.



## Southwest Community House

The following is an excerpt from a letter from Rick Bardach, Director of the Southwest Community House.

"I would like to summarize some of the programs and activities that we have been involved in over the past year. In addition to our year-around assistance to the economically less-privileged, we have started several special programs. Last summer, with start-up funding from the United Planning Organization, we operated a five-week Summer Enrichment Program at Jefferson Junior High School for 20 youths. This summer the program was again implemented, thanks to grants from the Hattie Long Foundation and the Philip Graham Fund.

In conjunction with the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, we are involved for the second year in a row in two other summer initiatives. The first is a summer job orientation and follow-up, to assist youth to have a meaningful summer job experience. The other effort is assisting parents in enrolling their children in some summer camps and/or day programs that they might otherwise not experience.

One of our most exciting new projects during the past year is the "Dollars for Scholars" program. Children, third grade through high school, are invited to bring their report cards to the "House." We award them \$5 for each "A", \$3 for each "B" (in academic subjects), plus \$5 for

perfect attendance. Although this is a costly program (we spent approximately \$7,000 in total) we reached over 200 children and we believe we have had a significant impact on these youth, reinforcing the importance of education in today's world.

We also formed a parent support group in October. They met once a week on Wednesday evenings. This was a small group but we believe it is a worth-while idea that we hope will grow. In March, we established a tutoring program on Carrollburg Place. This is a very needed program which we also want to expand in the coming year. Meanwhile our small but dedicated staff continue their on-going work helping people find employment and overcoming "crisis" situations. This "regular" work includes the SHARE food purchasing cooperative, which helps 50-80 households each month, aiding the residents of the Greenleaf Senior Building, and distributing Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets (and toys for the children) to 400 families. "The House" also serves as a coordinator and catalyst with other community organizations and churches in Southwest. We are all relatively small organizations that individually have limited capabilities. Together, however, our strength multiplies and much more can be accomplished."

## Odyssey is Thanked for It's Generosity

At the August 14th meeting of the Washington Waterfront Association, Rick Bardach, director of Southwest Community House, presented a plaque to Steve Glass, general manager of Odyssey, noting that the considerable success of this important fund-raiser for one of Southwest's major organizations was in large part due to Odyssey's generous donation.



## Buck Morning Times

so I don't have to miss a pensive morning of coffee, the NY Times and Charles Osgood? Really? And worship is intelligent and warm? Hmm. Where is this?



## The Waterside Garden

The Waterside Garden expects to have a few garden plots to become available this fall and is now accepting applications for membership.

Waterside Garden is a community garden at 6th and Water Streets, SW (see photograph) on the grounds of Saint Augustine's Episcopal Church. Saint Augustine's has graciously provided the space to the Southwest Community for approximately twelve garden plots for the last 10 years. This has provided the garden members with much pleasure, many delicious vegetables, not to mention an array of beautiful flowers.

In keeping with the spirit of a community garden, all members are expected to pitch in and help with beautifying the immediate surroundings of the garden; however, the primary purpose of the garden is to grow vegetables. Each member is required to maintain attractive plants, flowers, or herbs in the immediate area outside the fence and opposite his or her garden. Also, members are asked to assist, on a voluntary basis, with the upkeep of the immediate surroundings of the garden which includes picking up trash, trimming shrubbery, and occasionally helping to mow grass.

New members will be accepted in by October 15 so that new gardeners will be able to prepare their plots for over wintering and to plan for spring planting. Priority will be given to applicants who exhibit a strong desire to maintain the overall garden in a community spirit and help with a few chores in addition to harvesting many delicious vegetables.

For information, please call Camille Cook, 554-3728, or Jim Early, 488-3355.

## COULD RIVERSIDE CONDO BE A ROLE MODEL?

Residents of Riverside Condominium, 1425 4th St., SW, believe in supporting our SW community organizations. Their Community Liaison Committee keeps them informed of community needs and opportunities, and they respond. Last year they had a special drive to do their part to keep Metropolitan Boys & Girls Club #4 in our community. Each year they donate yard earnings to the work of groups such as the SW Scholarship Fund, B&G #4, and others. Think of the fantastic programs our community could sponsor if every SW high rise followed suit! B&G #4 needs at least \$15,000 annually to work with the SW youth it keeps off the streets. Football uniforms, equipment and sports trophies are costly but absolutely imperative for building the self-esteem needed by these talented young people. Club #4 also needs volunteers to supplement the efforts of dedicated Director Al Hudgens.

## Nov. Elections

D.C. Residents Should Register Now for Fall Elections: Mail-in Voter Forms Available at Libraries, Fire Houses, and Police Stations.

District of Columbia residents who are not yet registered to vote may pick up a mail-in voter registration form at any D.C. public library, fire house or police station. The forms are pre-addressed and postage-free.

The deadline for registering to vote in the November Presidential Election is October 7th.

To register to vote in the District, a person must be a U.S. citizen, a D.C. resident, and at least 18 years old by the next election. For more information, the public may call 727-2525.

## D.C.'s Drinking Water System: A Story of City Neglect

by Elizabeth Fleischman

The strong chlorine odors coming from your water taps this summer are calling attention to the many years of neglect in proper care of the District's pipes and reservoirs.

Since June 1996 city drinking water has violated federal safety levels prompting officials to order higher levels of chlorine in the District's drinking water. Increased coliform bacterial counts resulting from years of non-compliance to E.P.A. water standards led to this action. Many kinds of coliform bacterial can be found in plants, soils, and in animal and human wastes. But the same conditions in our deteriorating water pipes and neglected reservoirs that lead to high levels of coliform bacteria can lead to the growth of more harmful bacteria. This is the District's fifth violation of federal drinking water standards in the past year.

About a year ago, the EPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance questioned the compliance of the DC system to safe drinking water regulations. On July 12, 1996, under regional administrator, W. Michael McCabe, an agreement was signed by the Barry administration and the EPA in which the city has pledged better maintenance, repairs and upgrades of its water pipes and reservoirs.

Throughout this summer, warnings to certain vulnerable populations about water problems have come from our District's newspapers and the EPA Water Quality Hotline. 1-202-260-6100. The elderly, patients under chemotherapy, dialysis, those with weakened immune systems (such as HIV-AIDS) and organ transplant patients have been advised to boil water and seek their physicians' advice. The amount of chlorine was slightly reduced the week of August 5th. As of August 20th, the chlorine dosage is back to the pre-July amounts, according to the EPA Water Quality Hotline.

The Washington Post's HEALTH issue published on July 23, 1996, carries an excellent article, "When the Water's Bad, Seniors Must Take Care", written by Sally Squires. This article refers to a study by two microbiologists, Joan Rose and Chuck Gerba, on the health effects of waterborne infections on eight different age groups. "The biggest mortality was for the elderly, and it was much higher than even infants," concluded Rose.\* In this study one of the most common health problems for the elderly was diarrhea.

Among the elderly, diarrhea can be accompanied by loss of fluids and dehydration, affecting the cardiovascular system, reducing potassium levels which help regulate heart muscle function. For many seniors the problem of boiling water in large pots is not that simple. Many of the elderly are unable to cart jugs of springwater from the supermarkets to their homes. Repairing the District's water pipe system will cost hundreds of millions of dollars. City officials are considering an immediate rate increase to help pay for the costs. The Safe Drinking Water Act which passed Congress and was signed by President Clinton did not meet the August 1 deadline which would have allowed seven million dollars for repair work to the District's water system to begin soon.

\*"When the Water's Bad, Seniors Must Take Care".

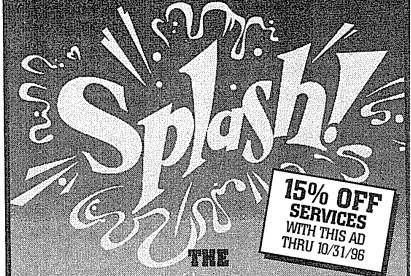
Sally Squires, "The Washington Post", July 23, 1996. Public health depends on clean safe drinking water. The care of this great resource cannot be left to elected officials and government agencies. Everyone should be involved. Write or call Mayor Barry's office and our Congresswoman, Eleanor Holmes Norton, to show you care.

Mayor 727-2980, Rep. Norton 225-805. To speak directly to a specialist on EPA's Safe Drinking Hot Line, on Mondays through Fridays, 9-5, call 1-800-426-4791.

The Southwest Branch Library is now open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed every Friday. Open on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Southwest Branch Library now has 'Internet'. Friends of the Southwest Library will have the Book Sale on Thursday, October 10, 1996, at the Waterside Mall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Friends of the Southwest Library will have a meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 1996 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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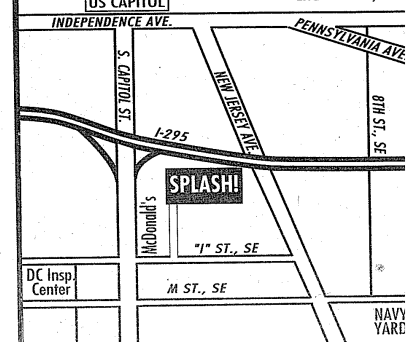
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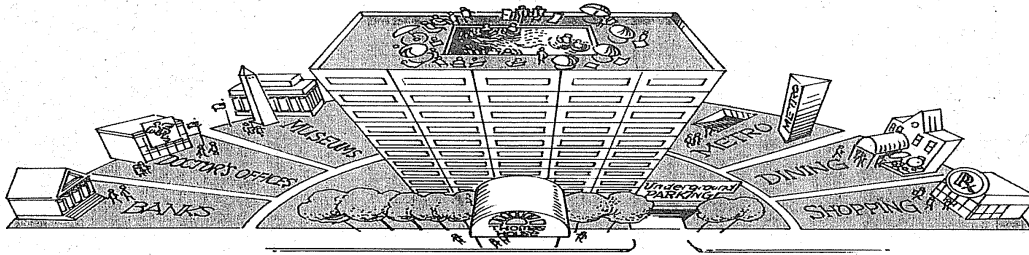
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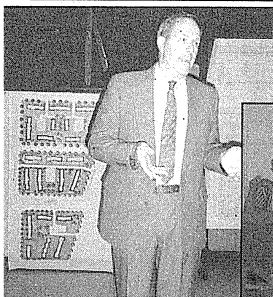
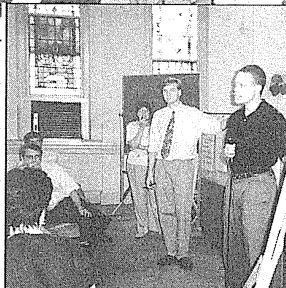
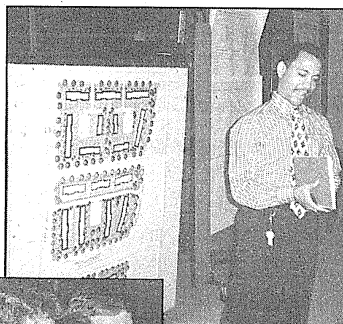
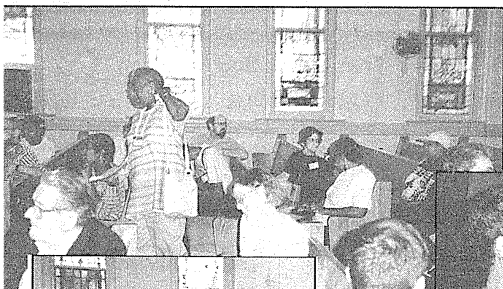
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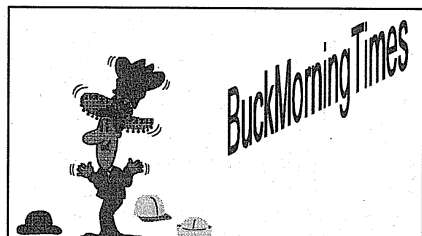


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## WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE WATERFRONT?

A much needed restoration of the lower promenade along the waterfront is in progress. It began on July 8, and is expected to be completed within four months, according to Leo Clarke of the D.C. Redevelopment Land Authority. The work encompasses the entire sweep of pavement from Gangplank Marina to Capital Yacht Club. In conjunction, the parks at 6th, 7th and 9th streets will be repaired and made handicapped accessible where appropriate. All benches and trash receptacles will be removed. When the work is finished, the restored area will be transferred to the National Park Service from the District. NPS will then install its own benches and receptacles. However, if there is any delay in the transfer, these amenities will not be in place.

## More on the Waterfront

The following letter was received from Jack Evans - Ward 2 Councilmember re: Proposed Zoning of the Southwest Waterfront, Z.C. Case No. 95-15

On behalf of the residents in Southwest waterfront area, I urge you to disapprove the proposed waterfront plan as it pertains to density and parking lots. The proposal to double allowable W-1 densities and permit forty-foot buildings on all parking lots is contrary to the 1956 Southwest Urban Renewal Plan. One of the goals in this plan applied specifically to the waterfront area: 542.31 Visibility Objectives - Individual buildings and groups of buildings shall be so designed and located as to permit optimum visibility of the waterfront and the Washington Channel from Maine Avenue...and from the residential areas east of Maine Avenue.

The open, park-like atmosphere attracted upper middle-income residents who but should the waterfront again be filled with tall structures they will leave. Their housing could ultimately revert to low income dwellings and the improved tax base would disappear.

I recommend that the Zoning Commission which will meet in December or January consider the following:

- Ensure adequate density restrictions under W-1 zoning, with exceptions as needed such as the Arena Stage.
- Retain all parking lots at or below grade.
- Consider future request for exceptions on a case by case basis, including public hearings, to insure compliance with waterfront visibility goals expressed in the Southwest Urban Renewal Plan. Thank you for considering these comments on Case No. 95-15.

## September Prayer

by Elizabeth Fleischman

August's fierce red sun stepped down,  
melting my shoes into the city's pavement.  
To renew my spirit past images loomed  
from a vital golden time, cracker barrel  
stores, elm shaded roads, cowbells tinkling  
from distant pastures, stories over corn cob pipes,  
swinging from a white birch.  
To that time my heart travels.  
Won't someone help free me  
from this bubbly, soupy tar?  
Or will I be forever stuck  
in this 'Can't go home again' predicament?  
Wasn't it yesterday I was stealing ice  
from Frank's truck and apples  
from Colby's orchard?  
September, will you be kinder  
and set my shoes down  
where my warmest memories are?

## What Are We To Do

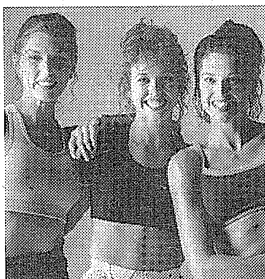
When our jobs are taken away  
What are we to do  
We still have to pay the rent  
and feed our families too  
Our kids have to go to school  
And must pay the required fees  
Pants and hose have to be replaced  
When holes push out the knees  
When the kids ask why we were let go  
How do we explain  
Without demonstrating total frustration  
Without showing our naked pain  
When all the health insurance is gone  
What happens if someone gets ill  
Do we act like it's not serious  
And take a non-prescription pill  
About all we can do is hope and pray  
For a job before it is too late  
And wonder if Labor Day will ever be  
A holiday that we can celebrate

— copr Margaret H. Oliver, 1996

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## SOUTHWEST YOUTH BOOK CLUB NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Southwest Book Club successfully completed its summer reading program. Approximately 30 students participated, by attending weekly group meetings at the Southwest Library and, meeting once a week with an adult who assisted them in reading. The Southwest Book Club is one of several neighborhood book clubs, sponsored by TART (Summer Time And Reading Together), a non-profit children's summer literacy program which establishes and supports neighborhood reading programs throughout Washington, D.C. The START program paid for all the children who had read throughout the summer and written book reports to attend a field trip to the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore on August 24. Thirteen of the children were able to attend. On August 31, several of the children went to Barnes and Noble Book Store to purchase books, aid for by START.

The Southwest Book Club will continue to meet throughout the school year. We are looking for additional volunteers. Volunteers commit to at least one hour a week through the end of the year, to meet with a neighborhood child to read and encourage the child's interest in reading. The program is very flexible — after being matched with a child, you pick a meeting time convenient for you and your child. You also pick the location — the Southwest Library is a popular meeting place. The children will meet once a week with their volunteer and at least once a week as a group with other club members to read together, play games, or go on field trips. Most children are from 7-13 years old. For more information, call Judy Taylor at (202) 377-7450 (home) or (703) 308-7277 (work).

## AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE WOMEN

The Association of American Foreign Service Women (AAFSW) is holding its annual Book Fair at the Department of State on Saturday and Sunday, October 19th and 20th and 26th and 27th Hours 10a.m. — 4p.m. Enter at 3rd Street. Featured: Collector's Corner, Stamp Corner, Art Corner, Children's Books, Cookbooks, Foreign language books and much more. Proceeds go to scholarships and many deserving causes in the area. For further information please call 202-223-5796.

## CREATING A NEW COMMUNITY

Marguerite Gilstrap

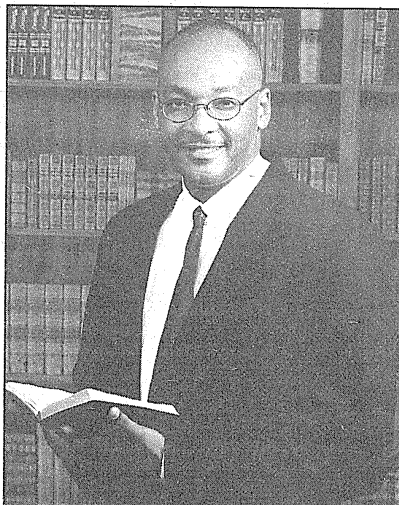
You are invited to look backward 30 years and consider changes in prospect at a program to be held at St. Matthews Church, Wednesday evening, October 2, 7:30 when members of a panel in charge of an oral history project at River Park Mutual Homes talk about urban Renewal in the Southwest and the audience joins the discussion.

This project, funded under a planning grant from the C. Humanities Council, could be the genesis of oral history projects in other complexes in Southwest to enrich the city's history with the memories of those of us who were there.

## RELIGION

There have been Catholic services at the Chapel at Ft. McNair for many years. Services are weekday at 12:10 p.m. and at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. Since the beginning of the year, Jewish services have been observed there well. They meet at 8:30 p.m. on Friday. Protestant worship is Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Ft. McNair has announced that as of the end of October, the Chapel will be closed to all services. At that time, it will be renovated into additional barracks space.



Dr. G. Martin Young

## NEW PASTOR AT FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

by Wallace Babington

The arrival of Dr. G. Martin Young as pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church means that we have an additional and valuable resource for efforts to strengthen community life in Southwest. That goal, the strengthening of community life, was the central purpose and objective of Dr. Young's studies at the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. The focus of his studies at that seminary was a Concentration in Afro-Centric Preaching and Pastoring; those studies resulted in the awarding of a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1994. Dr. Young was born in California, but grew up in East St. Louis. His undergraduate studies were at Southern Illinois University and his Master of Divinity awarded by the Interdenominational Theological Seminary in Atlanta.

Prior to coming to Washington Dr. Young served as pastor at Tulane Memorial Baptist Church in New Orleans and at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Clarksville, Tennessee. He is the recipient of the very prestigious D. E. King Preaching Award and the author of "The Religion of the Other Side: The Black Church Call to Evangelize." Dr. Young is married to the former Lisa M. McCree and has two daughters, Loe'ell Leanna and Jillian Lanell.

Dr. Young was attracted to the Friendship Church because of the challenge it presented for a strong, progressive ministry. He looks forward to participating in the life of our community. His ministry will certainly enrich and enhance the quality of our lives in Southwest.

## HAL CANTER IS HOSPITALIZED

by Thelma Jones

Hal Canter, owner of Cap Liquor (South Capital & N Streets, S.W.), was recently hospitalized for a brain tumor. He is now in a nursing home.

During his more than 15 years as owner of the store, Canter has been a staunch supporter of the Southwest community, in particularly in the area of youth development and recreational activities for both youth and adults. Also, he worked closely with long-time civic activist Leon Fields in implementing many changes in the area by serving as a community adviser and a member of the former Southwest Recreational Committee. The community thanks Hal Canter for all that he has done for S.W. We encourage Hal and his family to stand together for that's where your strength lies.

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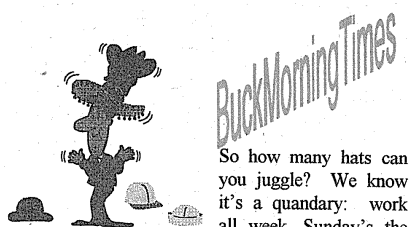
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**Buck Morning Times.** . . . a really good way to begin your week and juggle those hats. **Riverside Church**, 680 I St/554-4330 (parking available). Michael Bledsoe, Ph.D., pastor.



## BLUES FOR AN ALABAMA SKY

by Wallace Babington

Arena Stage opens the new theater season with a new play by Pearl Cleage, "Blues for an Alabama Sky." The play features Phylicia Rashad as a high-spirited, passionate performer at the renowned Harlem Cotton Club. This Washington premiere brings together Ms. Rashad and Ms. Cleage, who are long time friends from their student days at Howard University.

The play, set during the famous Harlem Renaissance period, is a co-production with the Hartford Alliance Theater and is directed by Kenny Leon, artistic director of the Alliance Theater Company. The production can be seen at Arena's Kreeger Theater through November.

## The 1996 Scholarship Reception

by Phillip Oliver

On a beautiful summer's eve - August 4, 1996, Southwest parents, residents and community leaders gathered to celebrate some of our neighborhood's most treasured commodities - it's college students.

Chair, Barbara Murray who headed the Scholarship Committee, a task force of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, SWNA, spoke about the 1996 scholarship program. The program also included an address by Margaret Feldman, former SWNA president and current president of the Southwest Community Council (fiduciary branch of SWNA). Next, Dale MacIver shared the 22 year history with the audience.

After the speeches, Ms. Murray introduced the scholarship recipients. Each of the students approached the podium and shared a few words about his/her school and academic major. The audience enthusiastically approved.

Next, the Scholarship Committee members were introduced and congratulated for a job well done. They included - Carole Early, Henry Evans, Dale MacIver, Marian Mitchell, Phillip Oliver, Casandra Singleton, Miles Slater, and Emma Ward.

There were acknowledgements of the various organizations which helped by donating money for the scholarship effort. These included the Student Loan Marketing Association, ENVIPCO, Waterside Convenience Shop, Gangplank and the Design Center. Interior design/architecture student Sara Wells is the recipient of the \$5,000 Design Center scholarship. She is in her third year at Hampton University.

Many restaurants which are in the community gave the reception an extra festive flavor by making food donations. They were Dominos Pizza, Hogates, Phillips, Market Inn, and The Spirit of Washington. There were interesting door prizes which were donated by local businesses. As they enjoyed the music which was provided by Mr. "B", a great time was had by all. The backing of the Southwest community was definitely in evidence that evening. It does "take an entire village to raise a child."

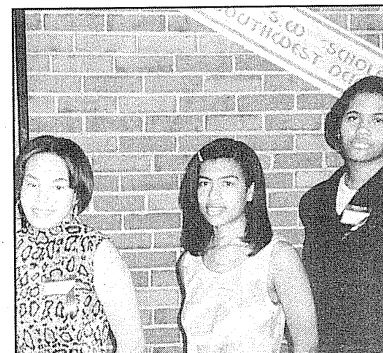
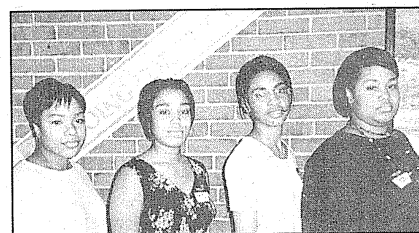
With your support, the annual awards have topped \$100,000 in the past 5 years. Your continued support is encouraged. The address for the SWNA Scholarship Committee is P.O. Box 70481, Washington, D.C. 20024.

## Southwest Community House Third Annual Awards Reception

by Rich Bardach

The Southwest Community House held its Third Annual Awards Reception on Saturday, June 22, 1996 aboard the Odyssey. It was a beautiful day and a very successful event. Three dedicated Southwesters were honored. Mrs. Vera M. White, long-time principal of Jefferson Junior High School, received the Father Norman Haddad Community Service Award, for her leadership in rejuvenating the school to a top quality academic institution. This award was presented to her by Willie Lloyd Reeves, Board President of SWCH (see picture).

Also honored were Michele Davis and Judith Ponds; each received an Outstanding Service Award. Ms. Davis has been an aide at Anthony Bowen Elementary School for ten years and an active school parent prior to that; she has three children, all of whom attended Anthony Bowen Elementary and Jefferson Junior High schools. Ms. Ponds has been PTA President at Amidon Elementary School the past two years and has implemented some after-school programs there. The Master of Ceremonies for the Awards Reception was Charlotte Brooks, herself a previous recipient of the Father Haddad Award along with her husband, Walter Brooks. Musical entertainment was provided by the Jefferson Junior High ensemble. The Southwest Community House is the primary social service agency for the near Southwest.



## 1996 Scholarship Recipients

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Kiana Council

Coppin State

Yolonda Earl

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Mary Early

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Ali Gordon

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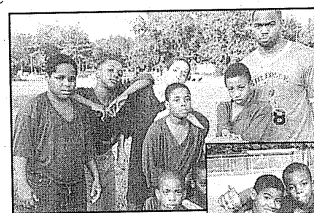
Howard University

William Zellers

Montgomery College

## STALLIONS TEACH FOOTBALL SKILLS

Sixty future athletes practiced blocking, running pattern and catching passes at a two day clinic at King Greenle Field in August. Coaches were members of the Stallions Touch Football Team, many of whom grew up in Southwest and played football for Club #4 and Little League teams. Trophies and other awards were supplied by the S. Youth Activities Task Force.



Coach Lawrence (Putney) Brown with youngsters.





## Summer Camp Programs

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Youth Activity Task Force was very active this summer in assisting children to attend various summer camp programs. This effort was done in coordination with the Southwest Community House, who hired a Summer Programs Coordinator, Michelle Browne. This combined effort resulted in the following:

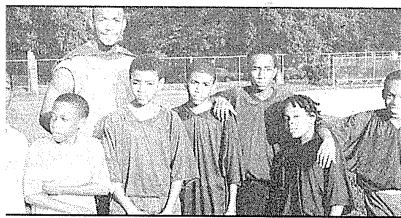
- 20 youths attended Camp Moss Hollow for one week. This camp, located in western Virginia, is operated by the Family and Child Services organization.
- Approximately 10 youths attended the Police Boys & Girls Club's Camp Brown for one week under sponsorship of the Task Force.
- A few youths were also sponsored to attend Camp Riverview, run by the DC Recreation Department, or Camp Bennett, operated by the Central Union Mission.
- Over 20 youths attended the Summer Youth Academy day camp operated by the First District police Community Services Division.
- Several children attended other day camps with the assistance of the Task Force. Among these camps were the Sidwell Friends basketball camp, Mike McLeese basketball camp, the Living Stage acting camp and the Challenger Center's Summer Adventure Program.
- Sixty preteens attended a touch football clinic at King Greenleaf Field, financed in part by the Youth Activities Task Force.

## "Woman of Distinction"

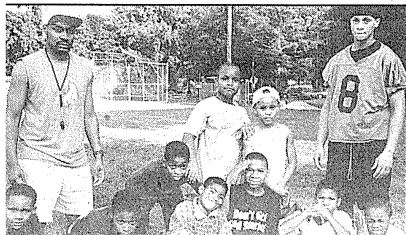
Carole G. Early, an active member of the Southwest neighborhood Assembly and editor of the "Southwester" as one of the "Women of Distinction" at the Annual Thomas W. Anthony Chapter, Air Force Association Awards inner at Andrews Air Force Base on 27 April 1996. She received a Community Service Award for her accomplishments.

The Thomas W. Anthony Chapter, Air Force Association honors outstanding women who have made significant contributions to their nation, their community, and to the aerospace world during the year. She was nominated by S.W. resident, Natalie Desmond.

## Stallion Touch Football Clinic



Coach David Burno with his group.

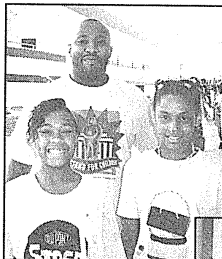


Boys and athletes pose for the camera.

## Project Wonder

The Southwest community joined together this summer to provide positive options for the young people of the Southwest community through Project Wonder, a one-week vacation bible camp held in the Southwest area for children from ages 3 to 15. "The program is designed to bring Jesus into the children's life through teaching them how to pray, learning bible verses, songs, and learning about how Jesus helped people," stated Zandra Earl, Assistant Director of Administration.

The children participated in arts, crafts, games and field trips to the children's museum, a boat ride on the Potomac to the Washington Estate and other activities. The camp was attended by 122 children from August 12 to the 16th. Each day they met from 10 am to 3pm in Lansbury Park. This tested and proven program helps develop a partnership in the community and the improvement in the quality of life in the children and community.



Project Wonder Alvin Hudgens returns with Project Wonder children from a cruise on the Potomac Spirit.

Project Wonder children decorated brown bags to hold meals by food and friends.



Lunchtime at Project Wonder inside MPB&G Club #4.

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## HUGE CO-OP TAX INCREASE AVERTED

By: Michael O'Dell, Executive Director, DC/CHC

As a result of work by the DC Cooperative Housing Coalition (DC/CHC), the City Council deleted language from its FY 1997 Budget Support Act of 1996 that would have effectively increased co-op real estate tax bills by 53 percent. Southwest is home to several large housing cooperatives.

After examining the initial version of the Budget Support Act, CHC discovered a single, oblique sentence that would have changed the prescribed formula for assessing housing cooperatives. That formula had been established as a result of CHC's work with the late Council Chair, John Wilson. With his help, CHC saw the result of its labor with the passage of the DC Cooperative Housing Assessment Procedure Act of 1988, the first ever prescribed method of assessing housing cooperatives.

CHC President Barry Moss met with council members concerning their proposed action. Working with Ward 3 Councilmember Kathy Patterson, Ms. Patterson introduced a motion to delete the language regarding the assessment of housing cooperatives from the 1997 Budget Act. The motion was passed by a wide margin. Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans and Council Chairman David Clarke also provided their strong support for CHC's action.

Leading the CHC effort in Southwest was River Park's Jim Patton, their CHC representative. River Park was a founding member of CHC in 1984. Among the other CHC members who actively participated in the Council work were Watergate South, Broadmoor, Westchester, Shoreham West, 3900 Watson Place, Ontario, and the Presidential. Former Councilmember Jim Nathanson, who has become an active CHC representative, helped CHC work through the Council's bureaucracy. The National Cooperative Bank, which has been very supportive of CHC's work, also had several employees sporting t-shirts and carrying posters.

The Washington Post characterized CHC's action as a "...well-organized lobby of co-op residents who rallied against the proposal." (July 11, 1996, "Relief on Way..." District Weekly page 1.)

The issue of cooperative assessments will not, however, end in the near future. CHC has learned that the way in which real estate in Washington is assessed will change. CHC President Moss, who is also President of Capital City Appraisers, a professional concern specializing in cooperative appraisals for lenders, has noted that "...as a community of cooperatives, we expect to pay our fair share toward the maintenance of our city. We must, however, be a party to any changes in the way housing cooperatives are assessed."

CHC has been very successful over its few years of existence in large measure because it has worked with elected officials to craft solutions amenable to both cooperatives and the Council. Councilmembers also know that CHC represents the vast majority of "market rate" cooperatives. In his letter to CHC members thanking them for their support, he reiterated the axiom that there is strength in unity by concluding that "...by banding together...we are most successful in protecting our interests and promoting the cooperative way of living." Membership with CHC is open to all District of Columbia cooperative housing associations. Co-ops interested in joining should either call CHC (202-364-4668) or write (DC/CHC, Edmund J. Flynn, Agent, 5151 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016).

## THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

by Franklin Davis

Hello, my name is Franklin Davis. I am in sixth grade at Amidon Elementary School. I am a reporter for Children's Express, a news organization for kids 8-18 founded by Robert Clampitt to give children a significant voice in today's society. I have been in Children's Express for one year. The highlight of my year was going to the Republican National Convention in San Diego, Calif. this summer.



Franklin Davis

Children's Express has bureaus in Oakland, Indianapolis, Marquette, New York, and Washington, D.C. Reporters and editors from all of the bureaus made up the Convention News Team. The Washington, D.C. group of four reporters and two editors arrived in San Diego eager to work. In addition to covering the convention in San Diego, we helped start a new bureau, the San Diego bureau.

We started preparing for the convention months in advance. We attended issue briefings. I met with Senator Nancy Kassebaum (R-KS); Andy Livingston (R-LA), Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee; Bill Archer (R-TX), Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee; John Kasich (R-OH), Chairman of the House Budget Committee; J.C. Watts (R-TX); John Duncan (R-TN); David Funderburk (R-NC); Christopher (R-NJ); and Rachel Robinson, assistant to Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House.

I expected my trip to San Diego to be lots of fun. It was that and more. While in San Diego I interviewed politicians, convention delegates; San Diego residents, and people who came to the convention to lobby.

We not only wrote stories about the convention, other reporters wrote about us. Children's Express was the subject of a feature story in The Washington Post. Being the interviewee instead of the interviewer was fun. I felt like a celebrity.

As with all good things, my convention experience came to an end.

## US TREASURY GRANTS SUPPORTS LOANS TO THE POOR

FINCA USA, a nonprofit organization providing business loans to low-income micro entrepreneurs, was one of two such programs in the country to receive the competitive Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund award from the US Treasury Department. The \$450,000 CDFI grant will enable FINCA to provide small business loans to over 2,700 borrowers in greater Washington, DC, Minnesota, and two new sites by the year 2002.

FINCA USA provides loans, a savings program, and technical assistance to low-income entrepreneurs and others who cannot access credit from formal financial institutions. Based on the village banking idea developed by FINCA International, FINCA USA's innovative peer lending program provides loans to groups of low-income entrepreneurs who form "self-employment associations," through which members request and administer loans, accumulate savings, and receive technical assistance to build their fledgling businesses. This year, FINCA has provided \$78,000 in loans to 100 borrowers with an on-time repayment rate of 96 percent. Its average loan size is currently \$780. Over the five years of the grant, FINCA expects to lend \$8.3 million and to provide nearly 12,000 hours of technical support to 2,700 micro entrepreneurs.

FINCA USA's mission is to serve low-income and other entrepreneurs who do not qualify for financing from traditional lending institutions due to lack of collateral, credit ratings, or small loan size. In most cases, these small business owners begin their businesses either with their own savings, or with a FINCA loan. Members include the unemployed or underemployed, persons with part-time jobs wanting to supplement their incomes, and those wanting to move off welfare. They represent a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds and businesses. Members use their loans exclusively for their businesses, purchasing critical equipment, supplies, or advertising. FINCA provides these services knowing that, over time, these micro businesses can grow into viable sources of income and employment in their communities. FINCA International, Inc. 1101 - 14th St., NW (202) 682-1510.

## GREENLEAF RENOVATION

After reporting in the Summer issue about the renovations going on in the Greenleaf properties, the staff of the paper was curious about what has been happening during these past few months. The construction work is still located in Greenleaf (north of M). Mr. Firth, the construction manager, said that for the past few months they have been concentrating on rehabilitating vacant units, converting some units into dwellings for the handicapped, doing electrical work & internal painting and plastering within the units, getting rid of the dumpsters, eliminating parking lots behind the buildings on I St. (this will increase the size of the backyards of the townhouses), and removing cars. Each day, the grounds are cleaned-up. I did notice that the grounds are much cleaner.

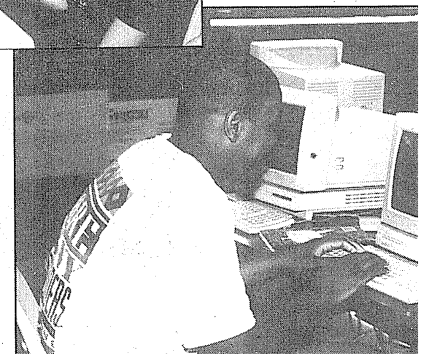
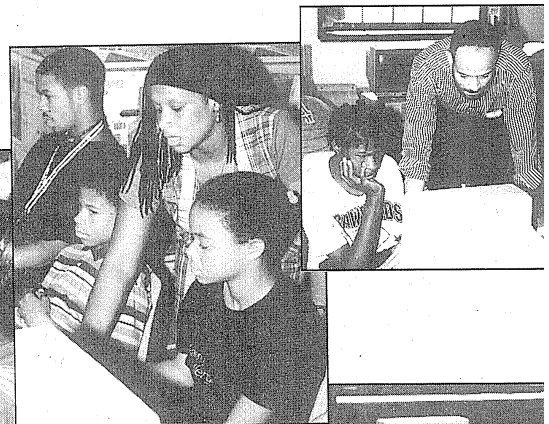
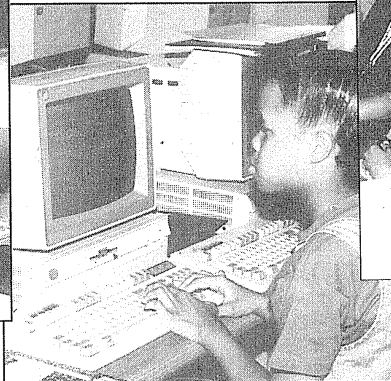
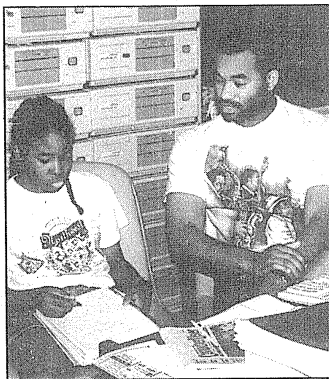
In the future, boiler rooms and new kitchens will be installed in each individual unit, pediments and new lights will grace the outside of each home and there will be a washing of the exterior walls of the buildings. Some exterior painting will be done.

What is going to happen after your construction company leaves? I was told that with the elimination of the dumpsters (the dumpsters invite trash) and the placement of super cans in each back yard along with a new trash disposal system in the garden and high rises, a cleaner complex is expected. More importantly, there is a new manager, Mr. Steve Fuller. He will oversee all of the buildings in Greenleaf. Stricter rules now apply to tenants and this strictness will continue in the future. There will be a screening process for new tenants.

Just as important as the physical renovations are the social renovations which are underway. There is going to be a Computer Training Program in the Resident Council Office, 205 L St. Bobbie McMahon is in charge of this program. Call her at 863-9053.

The program will start with 20 donated computers. It will be Monday - Friday day, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (date to be announced). All trainees must take the Department of Employment Service "Boat Test" and be interviewed prior to enrollment.

The New Greenleaf is great, next will be Syphax Gardens. Stay tuned as we find out about improvements there.



## Computer Technology

The purpose of this program is to enable the students to acquire the skills in the use of computer assisted instructions, instructional learning tools and computer managed instructions.

It will also focus on those students who are behind grade level and it is hoped that this course will enhance their academic skills for the upcoming school year.

This will be done primarily through Math, Reading, Science and Language Arts (Vocabulary, Spelling, Language Mechanics, and Study Skills).

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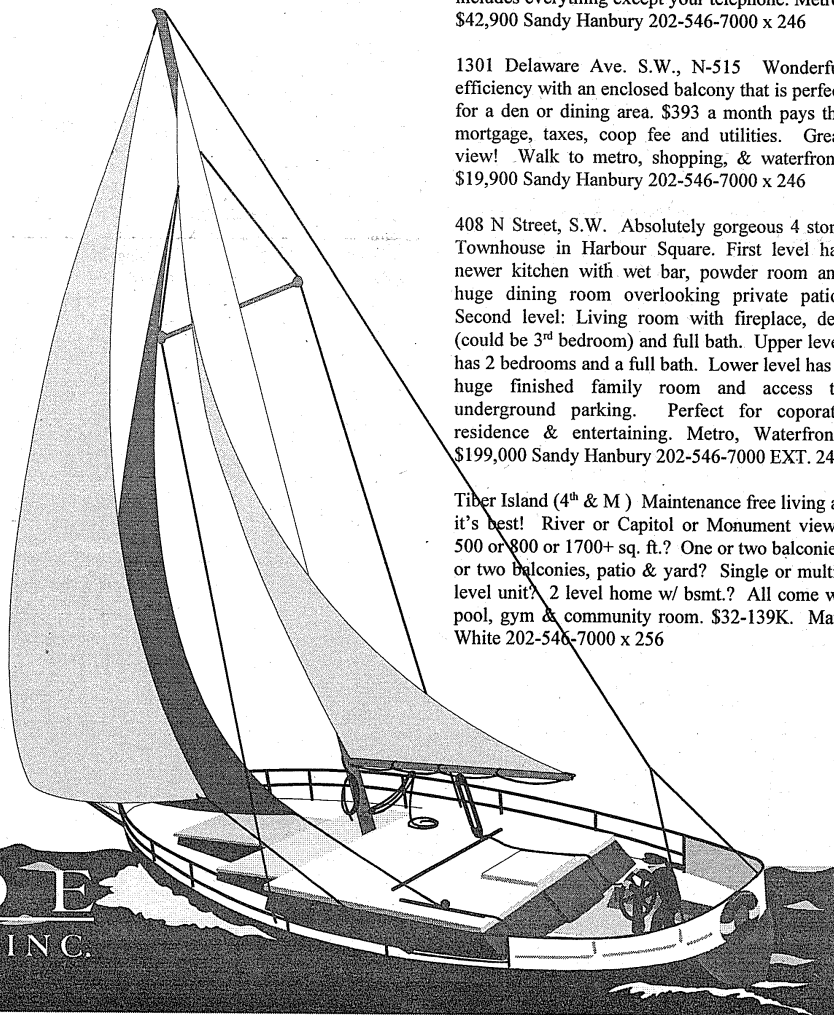
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## Our Facelift is Underway

by Carole Early, Editor

The staff of the Southwest Newsletter is undergoing a reorganization and the paper is being redesigned. In October, we have concentrated on better use of space, along with a new size of print and the introduction of spot color. There will be a new color each month. How is the paper's readability? We'd like to get your feed-back.

This year the staff has been increased to include Dr. Beryl Rice, President of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, SWNA; Rev. Jeanne MacKinzie, Secretary of SWNA; Dale MacIver, Assembly board member, former *Southwester* editor and chief photographer, Emma Ward, Assembly board member, Andrea Sheppard, roving helper, Katy Davis, paid desktop publisher and our two S.W. interns, Yolonda Earl, a communication major and Kimberly Zellars, a business major. Yolonda will help with the articles, while Kimberly concentrates on the advertising and business aspects of the paper. Both are recipients of grants from the SW Scholarship Committee. Hope to write more about them at a later date.

We still depend on our readers for the bulk of the stories. Keep it up. There wouldn't be anything to print without the contributions from our you. We especially want to thank our faithful reporters - Wally Babington, Margaret Feldman,

Margaret Oliver, Thelma Jones, and Phillip Oliver. Welcome to our new writer, Betty Fleischman.

I personally want to thank Rick Braswell who was the volunteer desktop publisher for this last year. Each month he got the paper ready so that it could be sent to Comprint Printers to be put on the press.

This year we plan to continue with the same distribution as in the past. It is our hope that we'll get to all of the households here in Southwest.

For many years, our advertising rate has remained constant. This year we have reluctantly decided that because our costs have been rising and new expenses have been increasing (due to technological improvements to the paper), we would have to raise advertising costs slightly. New advertisers will pay the new rates of \$14 per column inch. For those who want to take advantage of spot color, the price will be slightly more.

We are excited about the changes on the paper. This particular year promises to be very exciting. Should anyone want to write articles, help with the computer typing of stories, assist with the advertising or the distribution, please contact Carole Early, 488-3355. We can always use an extra hand.

## Holiday Theater Party

Later in the fall, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly is going to be selling tickets to a Holiday Theater Party which will be at the Arena. Come and support your community. There will be more details in the next issue of the paper. Where and how to buy tickets? How much will the tickets be? What does the price include? When will the event be? Will there be food? We will pass the answers to these questions on to you.

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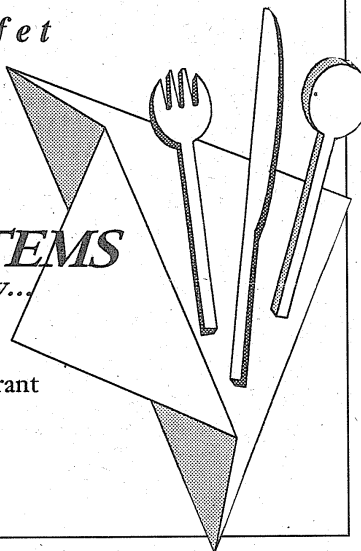
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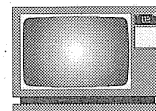
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